

International Student Exchange 2016 – 2019

Student Feedback Questionnaire

The purpose of this questionnaire is to evaluate the lessons learned of the AIR international student exchange.

By filling out this feedback report, you agree that your picture and experience will be published on the homepage of the AIR project. <http://www.air-project.org/>

Name of student:	Nelson Manuel Alfredo Chapala
Gender:	Male
Age:	30
Degree:	Master
Hosting university:	Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt
Sending university:	Universidade Eduardo Mondlane
Period of exchange:	03-17/12/2017 (14 days)
Field of study/major:	Energy Efficiency and Renewable energy
Field of interest during exchange:	Solar system and Biomass
Further graduation plans (e.g. PhD program):	-----

Please tick the appropriate box	I strongly agree	I agree	I neither agree nor disagree	I disagree	I strongly disagree
Program					
I gained insights into the practical implementation of RE in the host country (sight visits etc.)	X				
I gained knowhow in field of my study		X			
The courses were helpful for my further research		X			
The agenda was well structured		X			
Organization					
The journey preparations were well organized	X				
The support during the exchange was good	X				
The post processing of the exchange was well organized		X			

The reimbursement process was satisfactory		X			
The accommodation was pleasant		X			
Local transportation was well organized		X			
I socialized with local students		X			
I recommend the exchange					
Others:	<p>What would you like to be changed/ be improved for the future?</p> <p>In my point of view the days were well prepared and I recommend that the certificates of participation be delivered on the last day of the activities.</p> <p>Did you experience any difficulties during your exchange?</p> <p>I had some difficulty:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Climate - In Mozambique, temperatures range from 25°C to 30°C, however, even without influencing the completion of scheduled activities, the cold was intense. 2. Food - The food from Germany is different with Mozambican, so in the first few days I had stomach problems. These are situations that no one can control and has been a good food experience. 3. The last is personal point. Portuguese is spoken in Mozambique and many other national languages, however, there is no field to speak or practice the little English learned in school. With the visit I made in Germany, I understood that next year should prioritize the English language. 				

My experience in the AIR Project was very good because in my opinion the agenda was well elaborated. I liked the visits we made to the companies and the laboratory classes, of the solar system in particular. In Mozambique, for example, our temperatures are high and I found it interesting to see the power generation through panels in a country where temperatures are low. Solid waste is all over Mozambique and the visit I made to the power plant through waste incineration was wonderful. Now we must systematize the acquired knowledge in order to elaborate proposals for the implementation of these technologies both for consumption as well as for laboratory purposes.

Before my visit to Germany I was not aware of the importance of renewable energies for the electrification of a certain country. But now I have several ideas and I can

propose them to help my country in establishing renewable energy systems. Now I have to sit down and sketch ideas according to the potential of my country, the financial difficulties and the knowledge acquired in Germany.

The exchange was well organized and many staff members were available to accompany us to diverse excursions, project presentations and workshops where I received valuable insights.

I advise other students to focus on renewable energies in their research because this type of resource is needed to solve the low level of electrification.

